

saucy, who always came running out to see us and always directed the most of their spite to the handsomest men. Then on to

Corinth where we had such miserable water. The Union army undertook to take Corinth with picks and shovels, but when they had shoveled themselves into it, "nary a reb was there." From Corinth to Bolivar, where we were paid. On this march we had strict orders not to take any hogs, chickens, watermelons, etc., without paying for them, and we had no money. At Bolivar, two Co. B. men killed and skinned a hog in a patch of pawpaw bushes not fifty feet from where I was

skinning a hog, but they might have been hunting strawberries.

From here we marched to Union Station, and thence to Memphis. This was the hardest march we ever made. It was in the hot tail end of a dry June. The road was full of cavalry, infantry and artillery and the air was full of dust, which covered and choked

dust, which enveloped and shut us in like a tunnel that kept in all the heat and kept out all the air. I never saw anything like it. It was impossible to see the length of a company at any time and the dust had settled so thick on the sweating faces that we could recognize one another only by our voices. The dust must have been six inches deep

and as hot as ashes; it filled our shoes and ground and poisoned our blistered feet as we plowed along under the pitiless rays of

scorching sun. The troops
threw up a drunk the springs dry
as they passed, and we were
panting, gasping, famishing for
water. Ah! the raging fever of
thirst in such circumstances is in-
describable. We passed a spring
that had been drained as usual;
but in the horse tracks in the
middle of the little run was collect-
ed little pools, and a rush was
made for them. I fortunately got
one, for which I would have
fought, and we sucked them dry.
But most of the poor fellows got
none and were suffering horrors
that exist but be conceived of ex-
cept by those who have suffered
the like. Presently we came in
sight of a fine spring with large
trees around it, whose shade look-
ed so cool on the green grass, and
and bird thrush, and

The tottering regiment quickened its pace and halted before the house. A detail was made from each company to get water. They went up to the house and returned with the report that the rope had been cut and the bucket was in the well. They were sent back and the owner notified to get that bucket up instantly; but he had already taken of a guard and a detachment of cavalry dashed into the yard. Then came a mutiny—not noisy, riotous mutiny, but orderly and fierce; officers and men all joined in trampling on such infernal orders. A hoarse murmur ran through the regiment

ke the growl of a beast, and Col. Bausenwein rushed up to the cavalry, sword in hand, and bellowed, "Get out of here!—these men must have water!"—and they went. Then came a sound, whether from earth or air, low muttered, but distinct, "burn the house;" but the patriotic citizen had got the bucket as if by magic, and was drawing water

with the utmost rapidity. He worked like a slave and watered the regiment, horses and all.—Notwithstanding that, such was the intensity of my feelings then that even now, after more than twenty years, I am almost sorry that we did not burn all that he possessed and him with it. After that, guards were placed over the water and some reserved for us who were in the rear, and we did not suffer so much.

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